

## BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

### March 26, 2020

#### Events

##### **2020 Efficiency Exchange Conference canceled -**

BPA and Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance conference planners have been carefully tracking updates related to COVID-19 to determine how best to prioritize the health and safety of the energy-efficiency community. The importance of being pro-active in controlling the spread of the virus has led us to the difficult decision to cancel our 2020 Efficiency Exchange Conference scheduled for May 12-13, 2020 in Portland, OR.

We have stopped taking registrations and will provide refunds for those who have already registered for the conference. The Hyatt Regency Portland will be in touch directly with anyone who has reserved a room.

While taking this action removes an opportunity for us to meet, network and exchange best practices, we're confident it's the prudent thing to do. The planning team will be seeking ways to leverage the compelling content that's already been developed for use in future online learning or collaboration opportunities. Thank you for your understanding.

Please contact [Maggie Bagan](#) for questions regarding registration and [Kaylan Dorsch](#) with general inquiries.

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##### **Brown Bag: Energy Efficiency Action Plan update -**

Please join us on Thursday, March 26, where BPA's Energy Efficiency program is publishing an update to the 2016 Energy Efficiency Action Plan. The updated plan, which covers energy efficiency savings, expenditures and budgets, includes actual and expected performance for fiscal years 2016-2019 and 2020-2021. Come to learn about accomplishments and ongoing efforts by BPA and customer utilities to increase energy efficiency in the region and the expected achievements for 2016-2021...[More](#)

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### **Emerging Tech webinar: Energy-savings Opportunity from Amorphous Core Utility Distribution Transformers -**

Please join Washington State University on Tuesday, April 7, noon – 1:00 p.m. for an ET webinar exploring amorphous core distribution transformers. Amorphous core distribution transformers have been available for decades but very few Pacific Northwest utilities purchase them. Some U.S. utilities are using them and most Canadian utilities do as well. The current Department of Energy 2016 transformer-efficiency standard does not require the use of amorphous core transformers, hence the opportunity for BPA to investigate a potential incentive. Come learn about the research findings to date, including what the opportunity is for BPA to provide an efficiency incentive for customer utilities...[More](#)

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## **General**

### **Federal disaster loan assistance opportunities available -**

Utilities and their customers who are experiencing economic difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration, or SBA. The loans are available for businesses, private nonprofits, homeowners and renters.

### **Disaster declaration details**

Visit the websites below for more information, including effected counties by state, effective dates, fact sheets and other resources. Spanish-translated information is also available.

- Southern Oregon and California (Disaster # CA-00313)  
<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Declarations/DeclarationDetails?declNumber=6062932&direct=false>
- Washington, Idaho and Oregon (Disaster# WA-00083)  
<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Declarations/DeclarationDetails?declNumber=6062967&direct=false>

Although this information is not energy-efficiency program specific, BPA is providing this information to utilities to share with the communities they serve.

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## **Reminders**

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### **Remaining Trade Ally Network NW workshops canceled -**

Out of an abundance of caution for the welfare of local utility staff, trade allies, community partners and field team members, the remaining Trade Ally Network NW workshops on the 2020 spring schedule have been canceled.

In place of the regularly scheduled workshops, the Network will be hosting a series of one-hour webinars. These virtual workshops will provide updates on Network activity, local utility programs and provide a 30-minute session focused on sales skills.

Those who were registered for the in-person workshops will automatically receive an email inviting them to the associated webinar.

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### **Reminder: One position remains open for the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance Integrated Systems Coordinating Committee -**

As mentioned in a previous announcement, the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, formed the Consumer Products Coordinating Committee and the Integrated Systems Coordinating Committee to align with their [2020-2024 Strategic and Business Plans](#).

BPA is pleased to announce that three of the available positions — two utility representatives per committee — have been filled. Thank you to the following appointees:

- Jonathan Farmer, Consumers Power, Inc.: Small, Rural, Residential, or SRR, utility for the Products Coordinating Committee.
- Ryan Perry, Tillamook PUD: Non-SRR utility for the Products Coordinating Committee.
- Mattias Jarvegren, PUD No. 1 of Clallam County: SRR Utility for the Integrated Systems Coordinating Committee.

One position on the Integrated Systems Coordinating Committee remains open. For applicant criteria, please read the [original announcement](#) or contact Brent Barclay, BPA public utilities specialist, at [blbarclay@bpa.gov](mailto:blbarclay@bpa.gov)

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### **Trade Talk NW: The Back-to-School Issue -**

Trade Ally Network NW's latest newsletter reminds trade allies that the Network is here to help them keep up-to-date with new lighting and HVAC trends and technologies. The newsletter highlights workshop topics, dates and locations. [Read the February issue here](#).

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